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SYSTEM FOR HOT ROLLED STRIP

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
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May 20, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-16, 20
and 22-30 are amended; and claims 17-19, 21, 31 and 32 are
maintained.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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